(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when decision in the matter would be conveyed to the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh has offered to provide the required land and all required help to set up IIT.

(c) The issue of opening of new IITs was discussed by the Task Force on HRD in IT set up by the Prime Minister. The Task Force has recommended that possibility of opening new IITs in the country could be explored so that quality technical education reaches larger number of students. Meanwhile, considering resource constraints and huge investment, other cost-effective options such as increase in students intake and upgradation of existing institutions is being facilitated.

(d) Government of India have already conveyed its views on the proposal to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Urdu University

2807. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether progress regarding establishing Urdu University is going in accordance with the original schedule;

(b) if so, the major works completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):(a) to (c) According to the information provided by the Urdu University, the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has allotted 200 acres of land at Manikonda village free of cost for developing the campus. The land has been surveyed and four Bore-Wells with pump sets have been installed for water supply. The construction of boundary wall has been completed. While a multipurpose ground and three storied Administrative Block is under construction, a Camp-site office has been set-up in the vicinity of the Administrative Block of monitoring of construction activities. Temporary water and electricity supply has also been provided.